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In re Application of:) Art Unit:
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:]

According to the present invention there is a modular and software definable pre-amplifier apparatus (used to perform audio signal conditioning before being output to power amplification and or headset means) comprising:

- (a) one or a plurality of software and or firmware definable logic blocks, these logic blocks being based on Programmable Logic Devices (PLDs), such as Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), which can

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